

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1256
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2007
RECOMMENDATION OF RAGHAVAN COMMITTEE
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Raghavan Committee has recommended to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC) to make ragging a punishable offence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SMT. V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Committee has recommended that rather than subjecting each incident of ragging to different penal treatment under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, a new section should be added to the IPC, making ragging a punishable offence on the analogy of section 498A dealing with cruelty towards women (against dowry related incidents).

(c): The recommendation to amend IPC and CrPC needs to be examined in consultation with State Governments as the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure are on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and these laws are administered by State Governments. Implementation of the recommendation is subject to receipt of views from the State Governments and Central Government taking a holistic view on the recommendation alongwith views of the State Governments and introduction and passage of a amendment bill in Parliament for which no time-frame can be fixed.